

Kentucky Integrated Project Priority Ranking System Fact Sheet

What is the Kentucky Integrated Project Priority Ranking System (IPPRS)?

The Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet (EPPC) is responsible for developing a *priority ranking system* to evaluate wastewater, stormwater and nonpoint source projects for inclusion on the Cabinet's Project Priority List. Projects must be included on this priority list in order to receive funding assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

The Cabinet has developed a new "integrated" priority ranking system designed to equitably evaluate wastewater, stormwater AND nonpoint source projects while emphasizing current water quality problems. This new priority ranking system complies with EPA's *Integrated Planning and Priority Setting in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund* guidance (EPA-832-R-01-002 March 2001), which states, "An integrated planning and priority setting system is effective if it ensures that CWSRF-funded projects address high priority water quality problems." Previous priority ranking criteria were primarily relevant only to wastewater treatment projects and emphasized wastewater-specific information. This new ranking system evaluates project and geographical information for wastewater, stormwater and nonpoint source projects within the context of priorities determined from Cabinet water quality programs. All ranking criteria apply to all eligible projects. This process seeks to insure that funded projects address high priority water quality problems in the Commonwealth.

What are eligible projects?

Eligible projects are any project for construction of publicly owned treatment works (as defined in section 212 of the Clean Water Act) or any project or activity that implements the *Kentucky Nonpoint Source Management Program*. This includes planning, design, and actual construction of a project. All projects must be "capital" type projects. The CWSRF cannot fund operations and maintenance costs such as staff salaries and fuel for equipment that are outside the scope of a project.

Wastewater projects may include construction, replacement, or rehabilitation of wastewater collection systems and treatment plants; facilities for water reuse and recycling; acquisition of land that is integral to the treatment process; and projects that address combined sewer and sanitary sewer overflows. Stormwater projects may include construction, replacement, or rehabilitation of separate storm sewers along with stormwater best management practices (BMPs). Examples of nonpoint source projects or activities are decentralized treatment or on-site system rehabilitation or replacement; agriculture and forestry BMPs; conservation easement purchases or land acquisition for riparian protection; wetland protection and restoration; and remediation of mining sites.

How does a project get included on the Project Priority List?

A governmental agency must complete, sign and submit a *CWSRF Project Questionnaire Form* for each potential project to the Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) no later than December 5, 2008. Once the questionnaire is received, DOW staff will evaluate the project based on the IPPRS, assign the project a numeric score, and include the project in priority order on the 2010 Project Priority List. The DOW will publish the Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List on its CWSRF website. A copy of the questionnaire may be found at water.ky.gov/publicassistance/funding/CWSRF/cwsrf_iup.htm.

How do I get more information?

For more information about the IPPRS, Intended Use Plan, Project Priority List, the *CWSRF Project Questionnaire Form*, or the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, contact Lola Lyle of the Division of Water at 504-564-3410 or see the Kentucky Division of Water CWSRF website: water.ky.gov/publicassistance/funding/CWSRF/